



BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



U.N. PULLS OBSERVERS OUT OF SOUTHERN IRAQ

By Reuters

The United Nations has pulled its international observers out of southern Iraq because of safety fears, a United Nations spokesman in Iraq said yesterday.

The move came less than three weeks after a gunman opened fire at the offices of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's mission in Baghdad, killing two people and wounding seven. The gunman said he was protesting against international sanctions on Iraq.

The United Nations has been tightening security as a result.

About 150 United Nations observers travel to various parts of

Iraq to monitor the distribution of goods bought under an oil-for-food deal with the United Nations.

The agreement allows Iraq to sell its oil to buy goods needed by the civilian population to ease suffering from sanctions imposed over Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

The spokesman said monitoring would be done by local staff members.

Tun Myat, the United Nations' coordinator of humanitarian services, who is in charge of the oil-for-food program in Iraq, told CNN that the delivery of food and medicine would not be disrupted in the southern region.

TIGERS JOIN GATORS FOR CRUISE HOME



Sailors and Marines of USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), the 15th MEU(SOC) and embarked staff, along with their Tigers, spell out "TIGER 2K" on the flightdeck. (Photo by PH3 Scott Adam Webb.)

NATIONAL NEWS

IN LOS ANGELES, A RESURGENCE OF VIOLENCE

By Don Terry

After years of dropping crime rates across the city and county, there have been 266 homicides in Los Angeles this year, a 30 percent increase from a year ago.

About 42 percent of the killings have been gang-related, according to the Police Department. No one knows for sure what is causing the surge, beyond the usual suspects.

"I think we're starting to see the start of another epidemic," said Billie Weiss, executive director of the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles. "It's starting to look like the early '90s again."

In interviews last week with teenagers, middle-aged ex-gang members, mothers of murdered children, social workers, elected officials, neighborhood advocates and police officers, people here said they were afraid and baffled by the rise in violence and just as determined to stop it.

"There's no quick fix," said

Gary Honore, who speaks to youth groups about the perils of the streets and has buried a daughter, a brother and a sister slain in the last decade. "But if we don't start today, there won't be a tomorrow."

"What I know is that it has got to stop," said a Los Angeles City Council member, Mark Ridley-Thomas, whose district has been hard hit by the violence. "It seems to be coming on rather ferociously."

Even in this booming economy, jobs for teen-agers and for ex-convicts like Melvin Farmer, 43, are hard to find in the inner city.

"I've been out three years, and I can't find a job because of my record," Farmer said. "I might go two or three days without eating. There are a lot of temptations out here, but I'm never going back to that life. It would kill my mother."

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TUESDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 SPIN CITY
1100 TIN SOLDIER
1500 ANTZ
1630 TALL TALE
1810 ROCKETEER
2100 BIG DADDY
2300 BLUES BROTHERS 2000

CHANNEL 6

1030 FRIENDS
1100 RAIDER'S OF THE LOST ARK
1500 SMOKE SIGNALS
1630 KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE
1800 STAR WARS
2100 TOMORROW NEVER DIES
2300 ENEMY OF THE STATE

THE TV SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS.

SPORTS

N. Y. YANKEES FIND GROOVE JUST IN TIME

By *Buster Olney*

The New York Yankees demonstrated again Sunday why they will be a dangerous postseason team, if they qualify to play in the October games.

Nobody does a comeback like the Yankees, who opportunistically pieced together fragments of offense, drawing base on balls and slapping singles, to score five runs in the bottom of the ninth to tie the Phillies. Nobody can match the Yankees' potential for relaxed relentlessness.

After Mariano Rivera surrendered a two-run homer in top of the 10th, the Yankees scored three times in the bottom of the 10th, David Justice slamming a one-out single off Jeff Brantley to win the game, 9-8, rewarding those few among the 53,131 who stayed to the end at Yankee Stadium.

Dwight Gooden proved pivotal in his first relief appearance for the Yankees, holding the Phillies to one run over 5 1/3 innings after he took over for Andy Pettitte in the third inning.

Bernie Williams had a home run

(No. 21) and hit singles in both the ninth- and tenth-inning rallies. The Yankees are 47-39, a half-game ahead of Toronto in the American League East.

HENDERSON PASSES RUTH IN VICTORY

By *Associated Press*

Rickey Henderson passed Babe Ruth on the career hits list and scored the go-ahead run after his eighth-inning triple as the Seattle Mariners beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-3. Henderson was 3-for-5, moving into 35th place with 2,875 hits, two more than Ruth.

Other interleague scores:

Boston	5	Montreal	2
Detroit	6	Cincinnati	2
Houston	5	Cleveland	1
Toronto	7	N.Y. Mets	3
Atlanta	6	Tampa Bay	4
Chi. White Sox	11	Milwaukee	5
Minnesota	5	St. Louis	2
Baltimore	9	Florida	5
San Francisco	6	Texas	4
San Diego	6	Anaheim	5



USS BONHOMME RICHARD's Air Department held a Foreign Object Damage (FOD) walkdown on the flightdeck yesterday during the transit out of Pearl Harbor beginning their seven day trip to homeport San Diego, Calif. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

ATTENTION: DUTY SECTION THREE

For Sunday, July 23, the following applies:

Auto Hobby is open on Sunday from 9am-5pm

For all Hands:

Auto hobby will be open on Monday the 24th strictly for car storage. They will open 1/2 hour after first ship ties up and stay open 2 hours after the last ship pulls in.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TIGER



Revolutionary Gator Of The Day



MM1 Lafayette Duke and his nephew, Chase Speir, watch flight ops from Vulture's Row. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)



Wes Demott, a Tiger sponsored by Capt. Richard Perkins, COMPHIBRON THREE, takes in the view from the Signal Bridge. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)



AOAN Sarah Schultz (center) takes a break with her brother, Cody Glau, and her mother, Kay Glau, on Vulture's Row during flight ops. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)



AN Bryan L. Menchen
Air Department,
V-1 Division

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Qualifications: Flight Deck Crash
and Salvage Crewman

Since joining Crash and Salvage in June 1999, his knowledge of Crash and Salvage has soared to the sky. He has assisted in 17 flight deck emergencies that lead to no mishaps during the ship's first deployment. At age 20, he is the youngest and one of the most superb crash crewmen in V-1 division. He strives to better himself and the rest of his fellow crash crewmen on a day to day basis. He's ready to fight fires and save lives on the world's most dangerous place, the flightdeck. His motivation and honesty will lead him onto another level in Crash and Salvage for the ship's next scheduled deployment.

TOURS AND EVENTS FOR TIGERS

Tuesday 18 July 2000

0600-0700 PT with BLT (Flight Deck)
0800-1100 PQS Tours and shipwide guided tours. Group size: 15.
0800-1100 Specific Tours and Classes: Times will vary - LCAC, Prifly, Signal Bridge, Bridge, Brig, Laundry, Foodhandling, Vulture's Row, JP-5 Pump Room, King of Knots (knot tying class), Engineering. Group size: 15.
0800-1200 MSSG, BLT Static Displays in the Hangar Bay.
0830-1200 Aircraft Static Display on the Flight Deck.
0900-1000 DC DEMO in DC Shop. Group size: 15.
1145-1230 Shoot the Sun (Bridge and Signal Bridge).
1600-1600 PQS Tours and shipwide guided tours. Group size: 15.
1300-1600 Specific Tours: Times will vary - LCAC, Prifly, Signal Bridge, Bridge, Brig, Laundry, Foodhandling, Vulture's Row, JP-5 Pump Room, King of

Knots, Engineering. Group size: 15.
1400-1600 Weather Tours (METOC).
1430-1700 AIRPOWER EX. (Flight Deck).
1700-1830 Evening Stars (Bridge and Signal Bridge).
1900-2000 WESTPAC Highlights in the Hangar Bay
2000-2200 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in the Hangar Bay.
2000-2200 Video Game Tourney. Gulf Coast Room and Wardroom Lounge.
2000-2100 Navigation Chat (Bridge).

Wednesday 19 July 2000

0600-0700 PT with Medical on Flight Deck.
0800-0900 Flight OPS (Vulture's Row).
0800-1100 PQS Tours and shipwide guided tours. Group size: 15.
0800-1100 Specific Tours and Classes: Times will vary - LCAC, Prifly, Signal Bridge, Bridge, Brig, Laundry, Foodhandling, Vulture's Row, JP-5 Pump Room, King of Knots (knot tying class), Engineering. Group size: 15.
0800-1030 CQB Live Fire Demo. Starboard Elevator on Flight Deck.
1035-1200 CQB Static Display. Starboard Elevator on Flight Deck.
1035-1105 HC-11 Demo. (Flight Deck).
1105-1200 HC-11 VERTREP EX Demo with USS Pearl Harbor.
1145-1230 Shoot the Sun (Bridge and Signal Bridge).
1300-1900 Flight OPS (Vulture's Row)
1300-1600 PQS Tours and shipwide guided tours. Group size: 15.
1300-1600 Specific Tours: Times will vary - LCAC, Prifly, Signal Bridge, Bridge, Brig, Laundry, Foodhandling, Vulture's Row, JP-5 Pump Room, King of Knots, Engineering. Group size: 15.
1400-1600 Weather Tours (METOC).
1700-1830 Evening Stars (Signal Bridge and Bridge).
2000-2100 Navigation Chat (Bridge).
2000-2200 Coney Island Feast (Messdeck). Talent Show (Hangar Bay).
2000-2200 Video Game Tourney (Gulf coast Room. and Wardroom Lounge).
2100-2200 Naval History Class (Large Classroom).



OSC(SW/AW) Sam Vance watches other Tigers on the flight deck with his daughter, Jessica, and son, Joshua. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

WELCOME ABOARD TIGERS



Col. Harmon Stockton
Commanding Officer,
15th Meu(SOC)



Capt. Jeff Connelly
Commanding Officer,
USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6)



Capt. Richard
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Commander,
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Col. James Sinnott
Executive Officer,
15th Meu(SOC)



Capt. Rolf Yngve
Executive Officer,
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15th
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Sergeant
Major



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Calhoun,
Command
Master
Chief,
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RICHARD
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